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Example 7: EST

Specification: The specification discloses SEQ ID NO: 16 which is a partial cDNA. The specification does not address whether the cDNA crosses an exon/intron splice junction. The specification discloses that this sequence will specifically hybridize with the complement of the coding sequence of a gene of an infectious yeast. The presence of the nucleic acid detected by hybridization with the complement of the coding sequence is useful for identifying yeast infections. Example 1 of the specification describes an experiment where SEQ ID NO: 16 was determined following characterization of a cDNA clone isolated from a cDNA library.

Claim:

An isolated DNA comprising SEQ ID NO: 16.

Analysis:

A review of the full content of the specification indicates SEQ ID NO: 16 is essential to the operation and function of the claimed invention. The specification indicates that the presence of DNA that hybridizes with SEQ ID NO: 16 is indicative of a yeast infection.

A review of the language of the claim indicates that the claim is drawn to a genus, i.e., any nucleic acid that minimally contains SEQ ID NO: 16 within it including any full length gene which contains the sequence, any fusion constructs or cDNAs.

The search indicates that SEQ ID NO: 16 is a novel and unobvious sequence.

There is a single species explicitly disclosed (a molecule consisting of SEQ ID NO: 16 that is within the scope of the claimed genus).

There is actual reduction to practice of the disclosed species.

The disclosure of a single disclosed species may provide an adequate written description of a genus when the species disclosed is representative of the genus. The present claim encompasses full-length genes and cDNAs that are not further described. There is substantial variability among the species of DNAs encompassed within the scope of the claims because SEQ ID NO: 16 is only a fragment of any full-length gene or cDNA species. When reviewing a claim that encompasses a widely varying genus, the examiner must evaluate any necessary common attributes or features. In the case of a partial cDNA sequence that is claimed with open language (comprising), the genus of, e.g., "A cDNA comprising [a partial sequence]," encompasses a variety of subgenera with widely varying attributes. For example, a cDNA's principle attribute would include its coding region. A partial cDNA that did not include a disclosure of any open reading frame (ORF) of which it would be a part, would not be representative of the genus of cDNAs because no information regarding the coding capacity of any cDNA molecule would be disclosed. Further, defining "the" cDNA in functional terms would not suffice in the absence of a disclosure of structural features or elements of a cDNA that would encode a protein having a stated function.

A description of a genus of cDNAs may be achieved by means of a recitation of a representative number of cDNAs, defined by nucleotide sequence, falling within the scope of the genus or of a recitation of structural features common to the members of the genus, which features constitute a

substantial portion of the genus. Regents of the University of California v. Eli Lilly & Co., 119 F3d 1559, 1569, 43 USPQ2d 1398, 1406 (Fed. Cir. 1997).

Here, the specification discloses only a single common structural feature shared by members of the claimed genus, i.e., SEQ ID NO: 16. Since the claimed genus encompasses genes yet to be discovered, DNA constructs that encode fusion proteins, etc., the disclosed structural feature does not "constitute a substantial portion" of the claimed genus. Therefore, the disclosure of SEQ ID NO: 16 does not provide an adequate description of the claimed genus.

Weighing all factors, 1) partial structure of the DNAs that comprise SEQ ID NO: 16, 2) the breadth of the claim as reading on genes yet to be discovered in addition to numerous fusion constructs and cDNAs, 3) the lack of correlation between the structure and the function of the genes and/or fusion constructs; in view of the level of knowledge and skill in the art, one skilled in the art would not recognize from the disclosure that the applicant was in possession of the genus of DNAs which comprise SEQ ID NO: 16.

Conclusion: The written description requirement is not satisfied.